H.R. 5571

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

June 2, 2008

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

AN ACT

To extend for 5 years the program relating to waiver of the foreign country residence requirement with respect to international medical graduates, and for other purposes.

- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. EXTENSION OF WAIVER PROGRAM.

- 2 Section 220(c) of the Immigration and Nationality
- 3 Technical Corrections Act of 1994 (8 U.S.C. 1182 note)
- 4 is amended by striking "June 1, 2008" and inserting
- 5 "June 1, 2013".

6 SEC. 2. EXPANDING THE FLEXIBILITY OF THE CONRAD

- 7 STATE 30 PROGRAM.
- 8 Section 214(l)(1)(D)(ii) of the Immigration and Na-
- 9 tionality Act (8 U.S.C. 1184(l)(1)(D)(ii)) is amended by
- 10 striking "5" and inserting "10".

11 SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS.

- 12 It is the sense of the Congress that—
- 13 (1) Federal programs waiving the 2-year for-
- eign residence requirement under section 212(e) of
- the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
- 16 1182(e)) for physicians are generally designed to
- 17 promote the delivery of critically needed medical
- services to people in the United States lacking ade-
- 19 quate access to physician care; and
- 20 (2) when determining the qualification of a lo-
- cation for designation as a health professional short-
- age area, the Secretary of Health and Human Serv-
- ices should consider the needs of vulnerable popu-
- lations in low-income and impoverished communities,
- communities with high infant mortality rates, and

- 1 communities exhibiting other signs of a lack of nec-
- 2 essary physician services.

Passed the House of Representatives May 21, 2008.

Attest:

LORRAINE C. MILLER,

Clerk.

By Robert F. Reeves,

Deputy Clerk.